

500.43486X00

Handwritten initials and a checkmark.

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Junichi TAMAMOTO et al.
Serial No.: 10/772,386
Filed: February 6, 2004
Title: SHEET HANDLING APPARATUS
Group: 3654
Examiner: KUMAR, Rakesh
Confirmation No.: 6779

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR 1.97 AND 1.98

Mail Stop: Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

December 22, 2005

Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, Applicants are submitting herewith a copy of a Communication from a Foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign (European) application and copies of the non-U.S. Patent documents listed in the attached Form PTO/SB/08A for the Examiner's consideration.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted subsequent to a first Office Action on the merits in the above-identified application, but prior to a Final Office Action or issuance of a Notice of Allowance, or issuance of any other action closing prosecution on the merits in the above-identified application. Accordingly, the fee of \$180.00 is enclosed herewith.

12/23/2005 HALI11 00000152 10772386

01 FC:1806

180.00 OP

ALL REFERENCES CONSIDERED EXCEPT WHERE LINED THROUGH. /R.K./

The following Statement is made under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e):


Each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all applicable requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.97 and §1.98 have been satisfied, in connection with the present submission of the enclosed documents. Accordingly, consideration of the enclosed documents, during examination of the above-identified application, is respectfully requested.

Applicants request any shortage or excess in fees in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, and for which no other form of payment is offered, be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 01-2135 Case: 500.43486X00).

Respectfully submitted,

ANTONELLI, TERRY, STOUT & KRAUS, LLP.


Leonid D. Thenor
Registration No. 39,397

LDT/vvr
1300 N. Seventeenth Street
Suite 1800
Arlington, Virginia 22209
Tel: 703-312-6600
Fax: 703-312-6666

Dated: December 22, 2005

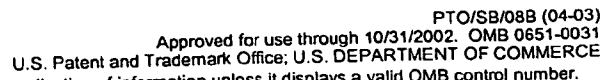


Approved for use through 07/31/2006. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

ALL REFERENCES CONSIDERED EXCEPT WHERE LINED THROUGH. /R.K./



Substitute for form 1449/PTO

(use as many sheets as necessary)

Sheet

2

of

2

Complete if Known

Application Number

10/772,386

Filing Date

2/6/2004

First Named Inventor

J. TAMAMOTO

Group Art Unit

3654

Examiner Name

KUMAR, Rakesh

Attorney Docket Number

500.43486X00

[illegible]

Examiner
Signature

/Rakesh Kumar/

Date
Considered

11/03/2011

Signature	/Hakresh Kumar/	Considered
<p>*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not examined. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">_____ Date place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.</p>		

considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ² Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. The collection is estimated to take 120 minutes to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing the time burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 and select option 2

ALL REFERENCES CONSIDERED EXCEPT WHERE LINED THROUGH. /R.K./